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SUBJECT: DIRECT REPLY TO CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED YOUR LETTER DATED MARY 25 CONCERNING PROPERTY CLAIM OF MRS. MARY B. MUNTIAN ON JUNE 12. WE WISH TO BRING YOU UP TO DATE ON ACTIONS TAKEN BY EMBASSY SINCE LAST WE COMMUNICATED WITH YOU ON NOVEMBER 1, 1977, CONCERNING THAT CLAIM.

2. THE GENERAL QUESTION OF PROMPT, ADEQUATE AND EFFECTIVE COMPENSATION FOR PROPERTIES OF U.S. NATIONALS TAKEN BY ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN RAISED WITH HIGH-LEVEL ROMANIAN OFFICIALS ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS. IN FRAMEWORK OF U.S.-ROMANIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION MEETING IN WASHINGTON IN NOVEMBER, 1977, SECRETARY KREPS AND DEPUTY MINISTER PATAN REVIEWED THE ISSUE. AMBASSADOR'S REPRESENTATIONS ON GENERAL QUESTION WERE MADE SUBSEQUENTLY WITH SEVERAL CABINET-LEVEL ROMANIAN OFFICIALS. ON MARCH 17, AMBASSADOR DISPATCHED A LETTER TO DEPUTY MINISTER BURTICA REFERRING PARTICULARLY
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TO THREE OUTSTANDING CLAIMS, ONE OF WHICH WAS THAT OF MRS. MUNTIAN. THE SUBSTANCE OF MARCH 17 LETTER WAS SUBSEQUENTLY TAKEN UP BY AMBASSADOR WITH MINISTER OF FINANCE IN BUCHAREST. SO FAR, THOSE REPRESENTATIONS HAVE NOT YIELDED CONCRETE RESULTS, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT RESPONSE WILL BE MADE BY GOR AUTHORITIES IN NEAR FUTURE.

3. IN INTERVAL, WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH MRS. MUNTIAN AT 34744 LAKE SHORE, EAST LAKE, OHIO. OUR LETTER, DATED MAY 25, WAS RETURNED AS NONDELIVERABLE. WE SUBSEQUENTLY DISPATCHED SAME LETTER TO MRS. MUNTIAN IN CARE OF HER SON AT 198 PAXTON ROAD, EAST LAKE, OHIO. IN LETTER, WE EXPLAINED PRESENT STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS ON HER CLAIM, AT SAME TIME REQUESTING CONFIRMATION THAT FACTS OF CASE ARE AS WE UNDERSTAND THEM AND SOLICITING RESULTS OF ATTEMPTS SHE HAD MADE TO PRESS HER CLAIM THROUGH HER LAWYER.

4. SIMULTANEOUS WITH OUR LETTER OF MAY 25, WE NOTIFIED DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF PRESENT STATE OF REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING MRS. MUNTIAN'S CLAIM AND RECOMMENDED THAT DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH MRS. MUNTIAN WITH VIEW TO CLARIFYING CERTAIN QUESTIONS SURROUNDING HER CLAIM. YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT AS FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS OCCUR, YOU WILL BE KEPT APPRISED OF THEM. WE HOPE THIS RESPONSE WILL BE USEFUL TO YOU IN RESPONDING TO MRS. MUNTIAN.

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